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A cosmetic composition comprising a cosmetic base selected from the group consisting of liquid base, paste base and powder base, a perfume ingredient, and polyamide particles wherein the polyamide particles comprise at least either of the porous polyamide particles of the following (1) and (2) shows satisfactory shape retention on human skin, excellent light-scattering properties to diminish abnormal light reflection on human skin surface, and excellent oil-absorbing properties to effectively absorb lipid oozing from human body when it is applied to human skin: (1) spherical porous polyamide particles having a number average particle diameter of 1 to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , a BET specific surface area of 5  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$  or larger, a boiled linseed oil absorption of 200 mL/100 g or larger, a crystallinity of 40% or higher (measured by DSC), and a ratio of volume average particle diameter/number average particle diameter of 1.0 to 1.5, and (2) cylindrical or dumbbell shaped porous polyamide particles having a number average particle length of 0.5 to 25  $\mu\text{m}$ , a ratio of particle length/particle width of 3 to 50, a BET specific surface area of 5  $\text{m}^2/\text{g}$  or larger, a boiled linseed oil absorption of 200 mL/100 g or larger, and a crystallinity of 40% or higher (measured by DSC).